

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A scleral expansion segment consists of an arched rod designed to be placed on the sclera perpendicular to the ciliary body. The arched rod has a pair of free ends connected by a bridge. The free ends have a spatula shape wider than the diameter of the ^{bridge} so as to constitute wide support bases.

Please amend paragraph 0001 as follows:

This application is a continuation of International Application Serial No. PCT/FR99/02486, filed October 13, 1999 and never published, which claims priority as a continuation of French patent application Serial No. 98/12834, filed October 13, 1998, which issued as French Patent No. 2784287 on December 8, 2000.

Please amend paragraph 0028 as follows:

In the embodiments represented in the drawings, said bases, seen from the top, have

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an overall ellipsoidal shape. Their ends are rounded in order to avoid damaging the sclera.

Please amend paragraph 0029 as follows:

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The material used for manufacture of the scleral expansion segment is a biocompatible synthetic material, such as PMMA, polyHEMA or ceramic.

Please amend paragraph 0049 as follows:

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It was indicated at the beginning of this specification that the segments are generally arranged in 4's roughly at 90°, perpendicular to the ciliary body at approximately 3 mm behind the limbus (Figure 7c), but other arrangements can be adopted, for example, two segments in polar positions (Figure 7a) or three segments at 120° (Figure 7b).

In the Claims

Please amend the claims set to that which is set forth below. A marked-up version of the amended claims, showing where amendments have been made, is provided in a separate document transmitted herewith.

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1. (Amended) A scleral expansion segment comprising an arched rod having two free ends connected by a bridge, the arched